Chandigarh-Ludhiana and Kalka—Parwanoo Rail Lines

1440. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether commencement of work on broad-gauge rail links between Chandigarh to Ludhiana and Kalka to Parwanoo has been ordered;

(b) if so, the details thereof with expenditure made so far on each project including present position of each;

(c) whether any target to complete the work on both the projects has been fixed;

(d) if so, the project-wise details thereof with estimated amount to be spent on each; and

(e) what would be the advantages to rail passengers, with operation of these rail links?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The details are given as under:—

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Length of project	Anticipated cost	Expenditure incurred/likely to be incurred upto 31.3.2002	Status
1.	Chandigarh-Ludhiana	112 Kms.	Rs. 248. crs.	Rs. 61.02 crs.	The earthwork and bridge works on Chandigarh Morinda section are in progress.
2.	Kalka-Parwanoo	5.35 Kms.	Rs. 36.99 crs.	Rs. 14 lakhs	The final location survey has been completed Land acquisition papers have been submitted to the State Govt.

No target date for completion of these projects has been fixed.

(e) The Chandigarh-Ludhiana rail link will provide direct rail link from Chandigarh to Ludhiana and other important cities of Punjab like Jalandhar & Amritsar and as well as to Jammu. The Kalka-Parwanoo rail link would provide a broad gauge rail head in Himachal Pradesh.